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For: **PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR APPLICATION TO MUCOSA**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith, a petition and fee to extend the time period for reply to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, to April 9, 2003. In response thereto, Applicants submit the following remarks. No amendments to the claims are made herein.